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WAKEFIELD
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
For the Year 1946.

WAKEFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Chairman:

Councillor J. W. GOODWIN

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GERALD ARMITAGE.

Deputy Clerk to the Council:

A. ELSTONE.

Medical Officer of Health:

H. DERBYSHIRE ELLIOTT, M.B., Ch.B.

Sanitary Inspector:

THOS. H. BRIDDICK, A.R.San.I., F.S.I.A., Etc.

Additional Sanitary Inspector:

E. HEALD, M.S.I.A.

Clerk:

Miss RITA CUNNINGHAM.

Disinfector:

G. SCOTT.

Engineer and Surveyor:

W. E. MASSIE, M. Inst. M. & C.E.

P R E F A C E.

In compiling my report for the year 1946, I have retained the form used by my predecessor Dr. Macdonald Smith. I am, of course, unable to make General Observations of the year's working, having only taken over from Dr. Macdonald Smith in January of this year.

Study of the Statistics given shows a drop in the birth rate which is a continuation of the tendency shown in 1945. There was no significant change in the death rate although there was a slight decrease in the Infantile Mortality Rate.

Notification of Infectious Diseases showed a marked drop accounted for mainly by the decreased rate of incidence of measles. There was a decrease in the number of Scarlet Fever cases, and a slight increase in Whooping Cough. Tuberculosis notifications remained the same but there was an increase in the death rate from that disease.

H. DERBYSHIRE ELLIOTT.

THE WAKEFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

Section A.-STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

STATISTICS.

Area.- 22,022 acres

Population.- 17900

Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1946) according to Rate
Books:- 5091

Rateable Value:- £81,590.

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate:- £314. 13s. 1d.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Coal-mining and its By-products, along with Agriculture are the chief industries; consequently the District is partly urban and partly rural. Such people as work in mills, etc., at Dewsbury, Ossett, Wakefield etc., are transported to and from by the excellent road and rail facilities.

VITAL STATISTICS.

				Total	M	F	
Live Births	..Legitimate		321	172	149	Birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population .. 19.16	
	Illegitimate		22	12	10		
				343	184		159
Still Births	..Legitimate		8	4	4	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still-births) births .. 19.66	
	Illegitimate		1	-	1		
				9	4		5
Deaths	...	...	...	173	94	79	Death-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population .. 9.65

INFANTILE MORTALITY IN 1946.

Nett Deaths from stated causes under one year of age:- 14

Cause of Death	Under 1 Week	1 - 2 Weeks	2 - 3 Weeks	3 - 4 Weeks	Total under 1 Month.	1 - 3 Months	3 - 6 Months	6 - 9 Months	9 - 12 Months	Total under 1 Year.
Premature Birth, Malformation, etc.	5	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	6
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Broncho Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Convulsions	-	1	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	3
Other Causes	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	4
Totals	5	1	2	1	9	3	1	1	-	14

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

148 Smaller Towns, per 1,000 live births 37

Wakefield Rural District, per 1,000 live births ... 40.8

Deaths from other Causes:-

	Males	Females	Total	Percentage of Total Deaths.
Cancer	6	13	19	10.98
Heart Disease	19	14	33	19.08
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	5	1	6	3.46
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	1	3	1.73
Congenital Debility, Malformation, Premature Birth, and other causes.	8	3	11	6.36
Diphtheria	-	-	-	0.00
Influenza	1	3	4	2.31
Pneumonia	5	1	6	3.46
Bronchitis	4	4	8	4.62
Other Respiratory Diseases	2	1	3	1.73
TOTAL ...	52	41	93	53.76

BIRTH-RATE, DEATH-RATE AND ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1946.

Birth-rates, Death-rates and Analysis of Mortality (England and Wales, 126 County Boroughs and Great
in the year 1946 (Towns, and 148 Smaller Towns.
(Provisional figures, based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns).

	Rate per 1,000 Total Population		Annual Death-rate per 1,000 Population										Rate per 1,000 Live Births.	
	Live Births	Still Births	All Causes	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers.	Small Pox	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Influenza			Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under two years)	Total Deaths under one year
England and Wales	19.1	0.53	11.5	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.15			4.4	43
126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London	22.2	0.67	12.7	0.00	-	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.13			6.1	46
148 Smaller Towns (estimated Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at Census 1931)	21.2	0.59	11.7	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.14			2.8	37
London	21.5	0.54	12.7	0.00	-	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.12			4.2	41
Wakefield R.D.C.	19.16	0.50	9.7	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.02			11.7	40.8

SECTION B.-GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

Medical Officer of Health (part time):

H. DERBYSHIRE ELLIOTT, M.B., Ch.B.

Sanitary Inspector:- Thos. H. BRIDDICK, A.R.San.I., F.S.I.A.

(Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute for Inspector of Nuisances. Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute for Inspector of Meat and other Foods. Diploma, Sanitary Training College, London, for Sanitary Inspection, Law, Science and Hygiene. Diploma, Sanitary Training College, London, for Meat, Food and Drugs Inspection).

Additional Sanitary Inspector:- E. HEALD, M.S.I.A.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The examination of sputum, swabs and other pathological specimens is carried out by the County Laboratory. Milk is also examined for tubercle bacilli and bacterial content by the County Laboratory, while water and food stuffs are submitted to the Public Analyst, Mr. Richardson, of Bradford.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

There are two motor ambulances for the removal of infectious Disease patients to Carr Gate Hospital, and one for smallpox patients, which meet the requirements of the districts.

For non-infectious cases and accidents an arrangement has now been made for the use of Emergency Ambulances in the Rural Area. This is a welcome addition to the Ambulance Service for the District, as during the night it is sometimes impossible to obtain a private ambulance.

NURSING AT HOME.

(a) General Nursing:- No arrangements by the Council.

(b) Nursing of Infectious Cases:- No arrangements for nursing at home.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

All clinics and treatment centres are under the jurisdiction of the West Riding County Council. Diphtheria immunisation is carried out by the Medical Officer of Health and private practitioners.

HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

(a) General Infectious Diseases:

- (1) Carr Gate Isolation Hospital, Wakefield.
- (2) Cardigan Smallpox Hospital, Wakefield.

(b) Voluntary Hospitals:

The hospitals used by the inhabitants in the area for accidents and general diseases are:-

- (1) Clayton Hospital, Wakefield.
- (2) General Infirmary at Leeds.
- (3) Hospital for Women at Leeds.

The Council has made no arrangements for the admission of patients into these voluntary institutions.

Some bodies of workmen, e.g., coal miners, make contributions at fixed intervals, e.g., weekly, to these voluntary institutions whereby their claim to admission, free treatment, etc., is secured.

(c) County Council Hospitals:

White Rose County Hospital, Wakefield.
 Staincliffe County Hospital, Dewsbury.
 Walton Hall Maternity Hospital, Walton.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

HOSPITAL, ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

The Carr Gate Hospital at the time of its erection was sufficient for the needs of the area, but the time has arrived when it should be enlarged and modernised.

The hospital is governed by representatives from the Rural District of Wakefield, the Urban District Council of Stanley and the County Borough of Morley.

Persons suffering from Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever and Enteric Fever from these districts are admitted and treated in this hospital.

Occasionally, other infectious diseases, e.g., measles, pertussis, mumps, are admitted, but as a rule accommodation will not allow their admission. Usually their admission follows as a result of doubtful diagnosis, segregation being carried out until diagnosis is established. Accommodation suffers as a result of the absence of an observation block.

Accommodation is provided for cases of erysipelas at the Carr Gate Isolation Hospital and the County Hospital, Wakefield.

CARDIGAN SMALLPOX HOSPITAL.

This hospital is governed by a Smallpox Joint Hospital Board, comprised of representatives from the City of Wakefield, the Wakefield Rural District Council, the Urban District Councils of Stanley, Methley, Horbury and Rothwell, and the County Borough of Morley.

At the present time it is leased to the West Riding County Council and used as a sanatorium. The County Council has entered into an agreement to vacate immediately these premises should an outbreak of smallpox occur in any of the above districts.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER.

All houses in the district, with the exception of 25 isolated houses, have a piped supply of water laid on.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Sewers are still required in the parishes of Warmfield-cum-Heath, Sharlston, Crofton, Crigglesstone, Sitlington, Bretton, Woolley, Notton and Winterset.

In the parish of Warmfield-cum-Heath with the exception of the new Council Houses the whole of the houses drain into cesspools or open ditches.

In the hamlet of Warmfield the conditions are very unsatisfactory. Several of these open ditches are for the greater part of the year full of stagnant sewage, some of them within a few feet of the public footpath.

Spring Hill Area in the Parish of Crofton drains into the brook which flows through that part of the district. A scheme for its drainage is held in abeyance during the war.

In the Parish of Sharlston, Foulby Area is developing and here cesspools are constructed to take the drainage from all the houses.

This area is one in which developments would rapidly proceed if there was an efficient sewer constructed.

Woolley Moor, Dennington and Great Cliffe, in the Parish of Crigglesstone, are unsatisfactorily sewered. At Dennington the house drains discharge into the brook, at Great Cliffe part of the houses discharge into an open ditch and the remainder into the covered drain discharging into the stream near the Railway Station.

All sewage works in the district are quite satisfactory and the sewage conveyed thereto has been treated in an efficient manner, with the exception of the Parish of Sitlington. Reconstruction of the sewage works at Horbury Bridge is suspended until the end of the war.

947 houses are not connected to the sewers. These drain into cesspools and ditches.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

There were no complaints from the West Riding Of Yorkshire Rivers Board regarding any of the affluents from the sewage works except Horbury Sewage Works.

Pollution of rivers and streams is prevalent in Crigglesstone and Crofton. This pollution taking place through the house drainage finding its way direct without treatment.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Types of Closet Accommodation in the District.

Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	3840
Slop Closets	...	...	...	...	...	-
Tub Closets	...	...	...	...	...	69
Privy Middens	...	...	...	...	...	498
Dry Ashpits	...	...	...	...	...	16

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER,
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

SCARLET FEVER.

25 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year.

The attack rate per 1,000 population was 1.40.

Notification of all infectious diseases is chiefly given by telephone. This expedites the removal of the patients to the Isolation Hospital and to a large degree minimizes the spread of infection.

25 cases were treated in the Isolation Hospital, and there were no deaths.

DIPHTHERIA.

10 cases of Diphtheria were reported and all these were removed to the Isolation Hospital; there were no deaths.

The attack rate per 1,000 of the population was 0.56.

VERMINOUS PERSONS.

There were no cases of verminous persons.

STATEMENT OF NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR 1946.

Wakefield Rural Sanitary District

Cases Notified or otherwise ascertained										Cases removed to Hospital				
Smallpox	25	10		Scarlet Fever						Scarlet Fever	25	10	-	
Diphtheria, including Membranous Group				Typhoid						Diphtheria				
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	Paratyphoid	16	-	-	-	-	Pneumonia	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Fever	2			Puerperal Pyrexia	1					Puerperal Fever				
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1			Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1									
Acute Poliomyelitis	1			Acute Poliomyelitis						Acute Polio-Encephalitis	-			
Encephalitis Lethargica	-			Encephalitis Lethargica	-					Typhus Fever	-			
										Relapsing Fever	-			
										continued Fever	-			
										Dysentery	-			
										Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-			
										Erysipelas	9			
										Respiratory Tuberculosis (New cases only)	7			
										Other forms of Tuberculosis (New cases only)	5			
Malaria	-	-	-	Contracted in England	-	-	-	-	-	Contracted Abroad	-	-	-	-
Chickenpox	-			Measles (excluding German Measles)	7					Whooping Cough	88			
Other Diseases	-			Other Diseases										
Smallpox	-			Scarlet Fever	25					Scarlet Fever	25	10	-	
Diphtheria				Diphtheria						Diphtheria				
Enteric Fever				Enteric Fever						Other Diseases (Cerebro-Spinal Fever)	2			
Puerperal Fever				Puerperal Fever						Puerperal Fever				
Puerperal Pyrexia				Puerperal Pyrexia						Puerperal Pyrexia				
Whooping Cough				Whooping Cough						Whooping Cough				

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)
DURING THE YEAR 1946.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths.		
			M.	F.	Total
Smallpox 	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever 	25	25	-	-	-
Diphtheria 	10	10	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (including Para-typhoid) 	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Fever 	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia 	2	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia 	16	-	5	1	6
Other Diseases generally notifiable:					
Cerebro-Spinal Fever ...	1	1	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	1	1	-	-	-
Acute Polio-Encephalitis ...	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas 	9	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery 	-	-	-	-	-
Measles 	7	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough 	88	-	-	3	3
Malaria 	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	149	37	5	4	9

CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1946.

Causes of Death								Males	Females
All Causes								94	79
1.	Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
2.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	3
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
6.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
7.	Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
8.	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
9.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1
10.	Other Tuberculous Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
11.	Syphilis	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
12.	General paralysis of the insane, tabes dorsalis	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
13.	Cancer, Malignant Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	13
14.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
15.	Cerebral Haemorrhage etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	11
16.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	14
17.	Aneurysm	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
18.	Other circulatory Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3
19.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4
20.	Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1
21.	Other respiratory Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
22.	Peptic Ulcer	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
23.	Diarrhoea, etc..(under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
24.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	1
25.	Cirrhosis of Liver	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
26.	Other Diseases of Liver, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
27.	Other digestive Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	1
28.	Acute and Chronic nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2
29.	Puerperal sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
30.	Other Puerperal Causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
31.	Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformation etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	3
32.	Senility	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
34.	Other violence	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	4
35.	All Other Causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	9
Deaths of Infants under 1 year.									
(Total				...	...	...	...	10	8
(Legitimate				...	...	...	...	8	7
(Illegitimate				...	...	...	...	2	1
Live Births									
(Total				...	...	...	...	184	159
(Legitimate				...	...	...	...	172	149
(Illegitimate				...	...	...	...	12	10
Still Births									
(Total				...	...	...	...	4	5
(Legitimate				...	...	...	...	4	4
(Illegitimate				...	...	...	...	-	1
Population (Resident)								17,900	

TUBERCULOSIS. NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING
1946.

Age Periods						New Cases				Deaths			
						Tul- monary		Non- Tul- monary		Tul- monary		Non- Tul- monary	
						M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 -	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 -	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
5 -	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
15 -	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
25 -	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
35 -	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
45 -	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
55 -	...	...	...	...	...	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
65 and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
Totals ...						4	2	4	1	5	1	2	1

DISINFECTION.

This is carried out at every place where a notifiable infectious disease has occurred, and where there has been a death from Tuberculosis. Houses in which active cases of Tuberculosis reside are disinfected periodically - every 3 months. Disinfection is also done when a tuberculous person leaves home and enters a sanatorium.

The method employed is formalin sprayer and lamps.

This work is done by a trained workman under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector.

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS.

It was not found necessary to take any action during the year for the prevention of blindness or for the treatment of persons suffering from injury or any diseases of the eyes.

WAKEFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1946.

Gentlemen,

I respectfully submit my Annual Report for the year
1946.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. H. BRIDDICK, A.R.San.I., F.S.I.A.,
Sanitary Inspector.

NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Number of Statutory Notices Served, Public Health Act 1936 (Section 44 (1))		...	1
Do	Statutory Notices, Public Health Act 1936 (Section 45)	...	1
Do	Statutory Notices, Public Health Act 1936 (Section 39)	...	4
Do	Statutory Notices, Public Health Act 1936 (Section 55)	...	1
Do	Statutory Notices, Public Health Act 1936 (Section 58)	...	1
Do	Statutory Notices, Public Health Act 1936 (Section 89 (1))	...	1
Do	Statutory Notices, Public Health Act 1936 (Section 93)	...	8
Do	Statutory Notices, Public Health Act 1936 (Section 269)	...	2
Do	Statutory Notices, Housing Act 1936 (Section 9)	...	19
Do	Statutory Notices, Housing Act 1936 (Section 11)	...	66
Do	Statutory Notices, Housing Act 1936 (Section 12)	...	1
Do	Statutory Notices, Housing Act 1936 (Section 54)	...	7
Do	Statutory Notices, Housing Act 1936 (Section 168)	...	57
Do	Statutory Notices, Water Act 1945, 3rd Schedule (Part 13).	...	1
Do	Food & Drugs Act 1938 Part 1 (Section 13) (3)	...	1
Do	Informal Notices Served	...	91
Do	Letters sent	...	629
TOTAL			891

NUMBER OF NUISANCES REPORTED TO SANITARY COMMITTEE

...	...	...	...	...	20
Number of reported nuisances outstanding 1945		...			-
Number abated on service of Statutory Notice (Public Health Acts)		...	...		19
Do	abated before Statutory Notice was served				-
Do	of reported nuisances outstanding 1946	...			1

HOUSES ERECTED, 1946

	Bretton	Crigglastone	Crofton	Chevet	Newland	Notton	Sharlston	Sitlington	Walton	Warmfield	Wintersett	Woolley	Total
Private Enterprise and Subsidy	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
By the Council under 1936 Acts - Houses	-	-	2	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	-	-	16
TOTAL	-	5	3	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	-	-	22

INHABITED HOUSES.

Parish	Houses
Chevet	15
Crigglostone	1,256
Crofton	838
Newland-cum-Woodhouse	7
Notton	156
Sharlston	746
Sitlington	1,006
Walton	413
Warrfield-cum-Heath	257
Bretton West	92
Wintersett	14
Woolley	291
TOTAL	5,091

SANITARY INSPECTION OF AREA.

General District Inspection	221
Notifiable Infectious Diseases	71
Cowsheds	807
Meat Distribution Centres	60
Interviews and appointments in District	304
Investigations of Complaints	128
Inspections of Works for the Abatement of Nuisances	188
Cleansing	26
Petroleum	32
Drain Testing	113
Shops	204
Inspection of Houses	505
Refuse Tips	210
Visits Re Floods	69
Salvage	157
Bakehouses	18
Workshops	39
Military Camps	18
Rats and Mice	240
Other Visits	255
Fish Shops	25
Water Samples	3
Tents, Vans and Sheds	39
Milk Samples	583
Smallpox Contacts	21
Diphtheria Carriers	4
Ice-cream Shops	1
Stables	5
Applicants Premises Re Council Houses	105

TOTAL

4,451

IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED, YEAR 1946.

PARISH	Drains taken out	New Drains laid	Drains found defective	Stopped Drains cleansed	Gully Traps affixed	Inspection Chambers built.	Drains ventilated	Sink Wastes repaired	Sink Wastes Trapped	New sinks affixed	Water Conductors Repaired.	Fall Pipes Disconnected.	Water Closets repaired.	W.C.s Provided	Privies converted into W.C.s.	Asphalts repaired	New Asphalts Provided	W.C. Soil & Vent Pipes repaired	Dirty Houses cleansed	Urinals repaired	Houses damp	House Roofs repaired	House Floors repaired	Plaster work repaired	Wards Paved	Animals kept to be a Nuisance	Pine Removed	Dilapidations repaired	Cesspools repaired	Cowsheds repaired	Drains repaired	New Cesspools Provided	Sewage Disposal Plants provided.	Sewage Disposal Plants repaired.	Other Items	TOTAL		
Chevet ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Criggleshstone ...	-	-	7	9	2	1	-	7	2	4	-	-	4	1	1	-	-	35	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80
Crofton ...	1	3	9	2	-	-	5	2	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	5	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Newland-cum-Wood-house	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Notton ...	1	1	10	9	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57
Sharlston	-	4	1	12	-	2	-	9	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	1	40	-	2	-	9	23	8	15	-	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	144
Sitlington	-	1	2	5	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	2	-	-	15	-	2	-	-	4	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
Walton ...	-	-	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	3	3	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
Warmfield cum Heath ...	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
West Bretton	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Wintersett	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woolley ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
TOTAL	2	10	34	24	4	10	5	18	2	5	-	3	19	6	3	4	187	1	5	-	19	38	12	23	-	-	-	15	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	473

DISINFECTIONS.

Disinfections are carried out by workmen specially trained for this work and the method adopted is spraying with Formaldehyde and Formalin Lamps. During the year 101 disinfections were carried out by this method. In the case of Verminous houses, de-infestation is done by spraying with a special insecticide and fumigation with sulphur candles.

Disinfectants are supplied free for use in houses where a case of infectious disease has occurred and where Tuberculosis patients reside. Stores for the supply of disinfectants are situated in each of the Townships and supplies are issued on the production of a note signed either by myself or the disinfectant.

The wasteful manner in which it was used in the past compelled me to curtail the issue of fluid disinfectant.

The following disinfections were carried out during 1946:-

DISINFECTIONS	DISEASES											Total
	Tuberculosis	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Polionyclitis	Enteric	Vermin	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	Scabies	Pneumonia	Other Cases		
Private Dwelling Houses	3	25	15	1	-	41	1	-	-	-		86
Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Day Nursery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Maternity Homes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15		15
TOTAL	3	25	15	1	-	41	1	-	-	15		101

The result of the disinfections by zymotic diseases has been very satisfactory and no secondary cases have occurred that could be traced to the inefficiency of the method adopted.

The total number of houses disinfected for tuberculosis during the year was 3.

DISINFESTATION.

41 houses were found to be infested with bugs during the year.

FOOD AND DRUGS.

No samples were submitted to the Public Analyst during the year.

COWSHEDS, MILK SHOPS, DAIRIES.

On the 31st December 1946, there were 31 wholesale producers, 76 producer retailers and retailers.

807 visits were made during the year to farms and dairies; the average number of dairy cattle kept in the district was 1201.

MILK.

651 samples of milk produced in the district were submitted for examination.

Of the 651 samples of milk, 582 were submitted to the National Milk Testing Advisory Laboratory, Leeds. 1 sample was submitted for Biological examination for Tuberculosis to the West Riding County Council Laboratory, and 68 were taken by the West Riding County Council Inspectors at "Accredited" farms and examined in the County Laboratory.

The reports on these samples of milk are:-

National Milk Testing Laboratory.

526	...	...	Category A	=	90.38%
43	...	...	"	B	= 7.39%
13	...	...	"	C	= 2.23%

West Riding County Council, Biological Examination for Tubercle Bacillus.

1 sample taken was negative.

Accredited Farms.

Of the 68 samples from "Accredited" farms, 57 were reported satisfactory and 11 unsatisfactory.

FOOD INSPECTION.

- 1 Bovine Head and Tongue (Tuberculosis)
- 1 Bovine Lungs (Tuberculosis)
- 40 lbs. Ham
- 40 lbs. Bacon
- 173 lbs. Frozen Beef
- 59 tins Evaporated Milk
- 2 tins Peas
- 7 lbs. 12 ozs. Tinned Meat
- 24 pkts. Fairy Cake Mixture
- 19 Loaves of Bread (Mould)
- 19 Teacakes (Mould)
- 1 Entire Pig Carcase (30 stone) (Tuberculosis)
- 1 Pig Heart (Endocarditis)
- 1 Pig Lungs (Pneumonia)
- 2 Pig Kidneys (Petecia)

In the district there are 29 Fish Friers. The conditions at one of these premises was found unsatisfactory. Improvements were effected and the premises were made satisfactory.

PETROLEUM AND LIKE SUBSTANCES.

29 premises are licensed for the storage of Petroleum. There were no accidents during the year and no contraventions of the Petroleum Act discovered.

CANAL BOATS.

There are no Canal Boats registered in the district. Canal Boats worked in the district are chiefly day boats on which there is no sleeping accommodation. These boats pass through several districts on their journeys.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	505
(2)	Number of Dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to Health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	25
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	18

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of formal Notices:-

	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	78
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

A. - Proceedings under section 9 of the Housing Act 1936.

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	18
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
	(a) By owners	10
	(b) By Local Authority, in default of owners	8

B. - Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	91
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of notices:-	
	(a) By owners	86
	(b) By Local Authority, in default of owners	5

C. - Proceedings under Section 11 of the Housing Act 1936:-

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	25
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	-

HOUSING STATISTICS (continued).

D. - Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936:-

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made -
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been made fit -
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close -

S A N I T A R Y C O N V E N I E N C E S.

Water Closets	3,840
Covered Privy Middens	498
Open Privy Middens	20
Tub or Pail Closets	69
Covered Dry Ashpits	-
Open Dry Ashpits	16
Ashbins	3,906

SCAVENGING.

The total cost of house refuse collection and cleansing of cesspools and the collection of waste paper, rags and bones was £5,193. 10s. 10d. throughout the district for the year 1st April 1946, to 31st March, 1947. The income to the Cleansing Department was £497. 14s. 4d., giving a net cost of cleansing of £4695. 16s. 6d. The average cost per house was 18s. 5d.

The amount paid in wages was £3877. 3s. 10d., petrol £433. 11s. 0d., leaving a balance of £385. 1s. 8d. for tyres, spares and general maintenance.



